(c) to (f) After harvesting when the mustard crop arrives in the market, it is purchased by the traders/oil millers at the prevailing market price. Thus, the question of storage of mustard crop does not arise. However, in the case of shortfall in market price of mustard seed below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) NAFED is asked to intervene for market operation and NAFED has the enough storage capacity in each State in the country. Alternatively, they also utilise the storage facility of State Warehousing/Central Warehousing for the purpose.

Consignment of rice supplied to North-Eastern States

1292. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) how many consignments of rice have been supplied by FCI to North Eastern States during the past five years;

(b) what was the quantity supplied, years-wise and consignment-wise; and

(c) who were the carriers goods trains or trucks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) FCI issues the stocks of rice, wheat and sugar to each of the NE States against the allocation made by the Government of India in favour of each State. The quantities of rice supplied by FCI to NE States during the last five years are shown in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) The stocks are lifted by the State Governments/their nominees from FCI depots through their own road transportation arrangements. As far the FCI is concerned, the foodgrains and sugar were carried to FCI depots in NE States mainly by goods trains. Small quantities were carried by the road transporters.

Sugar Output

1293. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state: